Problem of SSIs

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SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the facts highlighted by the National Sample Survey Organisation in its 56th report regarding the unorganised units in the small scale sector;

(b) if so, whether the problems being faced by the units in the above sector have been highlighted comprehensively in the report alongwith its impact; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and their impact on those units?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in its 56th Round conducted an all India sample survey of unorganized manufacturing enterprises comprising those that were not covered under the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) conducted by them. The ASI is conducted every year by NSSO to survey all the manufacturing enterprises that are registered under Section 2 (m) (i) and 2 (m) (ii) of Factories Act, 1948 and under the Bidi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966. The main criteria for coverage under ASI is that the manufacturing enterpises should be engaging 10 or more workers and using power or engaging 20 or more workers and not using power. Since the definition of small scale industries (SSI) sector is in terms of upper ceiling of original value of plant and machinery, some part of the SSI sector is covered in ASI and another part is *inter alia* covered in the sample survey of unorganized manufacturing. Hence, the 56th Round survey conducted by NSSO is not a comprehensive survey of the SSI sector. However, the problems being faced by the unorganised manufacturing enterprises as reported by the NSSO in its 56th Round are shortage of capital, problem of marketing of products, power problems, competition from large units etc.

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